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Springfield Police Museum open during First Friday Art Walk



The Springfield Police Museum, located in the Calaboose at 409 W. McDaniel, will be open 6-9 p.m. May 2 during [First Friday Art Walk](#). The Calaboose was built in 1891 and used until the 1940s. The museum offers displays of uniforms, badges, equipment and weapons from the proud history of the Springfield Police Department.

Three new displays have been recently added. Two of them feature the former headquarters at 214 S. Market Ave. The other highlights a former SPD police chief, Paul Frey, who served as chief from 1932-1940. Additionally, he led the local National Guard unit in three World War I battles and was severely injured by shrapnel during battle.

The Calaboose (a term for a local jail) is the oldest existing structure owned by the City of Springfield. It was rescued from deterioration caused by age, weather, and lack of ongoing maintenance. This federally recognized historical restoration returns the structure to use as a police substation and includes the police museum on the first floor. Information gathered from research in the City archives was used to assure historic accuracy in the restorative design. Whenever available, original materials were used and reconstruction components were consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects. In addition, the State of Missouri Historical Preservation Program was involved throughout the entire project to ensure a high standard of restoration and quality of workmanship. Their involvement, along with great attention to detail, enabled this structure to return to prominence in the community.

The museum will be open during each First Friday Art Walk through October. Parking is free and available in the parking garage next to the museum. Find the [Springfield Police Museum on Facebook](#).

Download a [larger file size photo of Chief Paul Frey](#).

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